

Tips for “No Way to Meet a Neighbor” Simulation Exercise

Content

This exercise is an interactive story that presents an interesting but tragic scenario about a tractor and motor vehicle collision on a public road. The story is taken from real-life incidents.

Objectives

Completing this exercise can help farm adults, farm youth, and persons who drive through farming communities become more aware of:

- The risk of tractor and motor vehicle collisions
- How to avoid these incidents
- How ROPS and seat belts prevent injury and death to tractor operators during even very severe tractor/motor vehicle collisions

Intended Audiences

- Young and adult farm men and women
- Young and adult urban and suburban drivers who travel country roads
- High school vocational education and driver education students, 4-H teens, FFA, and other youth groups
- Farm community groups who provide educational, financial, business, social, spiritual, and health services and advice to farmers and their family members

How to Use These Materials

- Read through the exercise problem booklet and mark each answer T or F.
- Then look at the explanations provided on the answer key.
- Decide if the exercise is useful to you or others with whom you work.
- Use the materials in any of these ways:
 - ⇒ As an activity for a meeting or class. (People like to read and discuss the story.)
 - ⇒ As an activity conducted before (or after) the “Facts About Tractor/Motor Vehicle Collisions” activity.
 - ⇒ As an individual activity given to a person to complete when convenient.

- ⇒ For school or community projects about tractor and farm safety. (Ask students or adults to work the exercise and then to discuss it with other people. Ask them to study the “Facts about Tractor/Motor Vehicle Collisions” and use these materials to make a display or a presentation.)
- The “No Way to Meet a Neighbor” exercise is a story with a plot, characters, and predicaments. Once they begin the story, people will want to complete it.
- ⇒ Administer the exercise in one 20-minute session. Allow another 20 minutes for discussion. Have people work together in groups of three to five. Give everyone a problem booklet and an answer sheet. As each small group finishes, give them an answer key. Make sure everyone has a chance to discuss the story.
- ⇒ Always use the answer key with the exercise after people have marked their answers on the answer sheet. The key tells the rest of the story.

Materials Needed

- “No Way to Meet a Neighbor” problem booklet (duplicate one copy for each person).
- “No Way to Meet a Neighbor” answer sheet (duplicate one copy for each person.).
- Answer key for “No Way to Meet a Neighbor” exercise (duplicate one copy for each person or at least one copy for each group of three to five individuals).
- “Facts about Tractor/Motor Vehicle Collisions.” (Duplicate selected portions of these materials depending on the time available and the interests of the group. Consider using these “Facts” materials at a second meeting after using the “No Way” exercise.)
- Note: “A Foggy Morning Meeting” exercise is a similar story about another tractor and motor vehicle collision. It presents some additional hazards that resulted in a collision and two fatalities. The “No Way” exercise can be used at a later time to reinforce the learning objectives for the “The No Way” exercise.

Discussion Questions and Teaching Points

1. Do tractor/motor vehicle collisions like the one described in this exercise happen frequently?
2. Do you know about a similar case that resulted in a close call, injury, or fatality?
3. Are you and your family members at risk of a similar injury event as you drive tractors and other motor vehicles on public roads?
4. What are some things you can do to prevent tractor/motor vehicle collisions?
5. If you drive tractors on public roads, what can you do to protect your family members and yourself from injuries in the event of a tractor/motor vehicle collision?

Ideas, Notes, and Comments

Use this space to write down your ideas and plans for using these materials.